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LETTER CORRECTING DISCLOSURE FROM REFERENCES SUBMITTED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter corrects the Concise Explanation of Documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Form (PTO-1449) submitted on August 13, 2002. In particular, because the explanation for JP A-09-256095 was overstated, the concise explanation is now being corrected. The following is the way that the concise explanation should read and is in full compliance with Applicants duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56:

JP A-09-256095

The amounts of Si, Mg, Zn, Cu, and Fe in the present invention may be similar to those of JP A-09-256095, but Mn range defined in the present invention is outside the range

defined in the invention of JP A-09-256095. JP A-09-256095 describes that Mn is added in the range of from more than 0.6 wt% to 1.5 wt% or less, for the purpose of increasing mechanical strength, because its effect is small with an amount of 0.6 wt% or less. However, according to the present invention, even if the amount of Mn is added lower than 0.6 wt%, an alloy having excellent mechanical strength can be obtained.

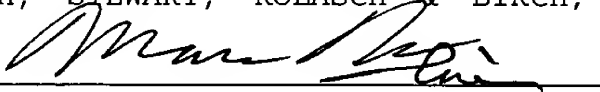
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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